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Flooding near KFC at the Concourse. Photograph by Champion reader Roy Lambert

HOSPITALS EARN £1.5M PER YEAR FROM CAR PARKS

Floods misery

STORMS caused wide–spread flooding across West Lancs over the Christmas period bringing with them misery for many residents.

Numerous roads in the district became no–go areas as constant heavy rain turned them into mini–lakes while fields across the West Lancashire plains became invisible under the deluge. • **Full report inside**

Cars struggle on the A59 Ormskirk

Report by **Henry James**

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital Trust collect more than £1.5million from car parking charges it has been revealed

Car park fees at the two hospitals raised a total of £1,626,241 in 2014/15.

The figures were collected by the Press Association following a Freedom of Information request and they show the funds were collected from patients, staff and visitors – including the disabled.

The study showed that in the 12 months of the 2014–15 financial year, a total £718,530 was collected at the car park at Ormskirk Hospital and £908,741 at the hospital car park in Southport.

The Trust was unable to confirm the amount raised solely from disabled parking.

The private firm used by the trust for parking enforcement, but they stated that they do not take any of the money generated from parking fees.

Ann Marr, interim chief executive at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "Money raised from car parking charges

The car park at Southport Hospital.

at the Trust goes towards the cost of maintaining the car parks, with any surplus going directly to patient care."

The trust provides concessions for long–term visitors, £10 weekly tickets and £30 monthly tickets.

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper blamed the government for failing to address the issue.

She said: "Responsibility for the hospital car parking charges fiasco lies squarely at the Government's door.

"This government, whilst full of sympathetic words has failed to address the hospital car parking issue. They published guidelines in 2014 for hospitals to allow free or reduced car parking for those with disabilities, frequent outpatient attendees, visitors with gravely ill relatives, and staff working shifts when public transport is not available yet didn't make it a requirement hospitals introduce these measures.

"Hospitals are facing funding shortfalls and rely on car parking income to help with costs.

"While the government fails to act and hospitals depend on this money to deliver services then patients, visitors and staff will unfairly continue to carry the cost of this inaction."

Katherine Murphy, chief executive of the Patients Association, called the charges a "tax on the sick."

She said: "The fees charged by hospitals for car parking can cause a great amount of distress to patients and their families, who very often cannot afford to pay such prices.

"While we acknowledge that hospitals have to generate revenue, this should not be done at the expense of patients. Charging for parking in hospitals is a tax on the sick."

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Queenscourt Hospice fundraising manager Brian Halliwell with two Star Trekkers last May

Night trekkers are stars!

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

AN astonishing £70,000 and counting has been raised from the annual Queenscourt Star Trekk event.

More than 800 people turned out for the seven mile walk around Southport last May to support the resort–based hospice, with organisers telling The Champion that while they are already planning next year's event, they are still collecting funds raised from 2015!

A thrilled Queenscourt Hospice spoeksperson, said: "We would like to take the opportunity to say a gigantic thank you to all of our night walkers who participated in last year's Star Trekk event.

"Hundreds of trekkers ventured out for our seven mile starlit walk this May to support Queenscourt, raising a fantastic total of more than £70,000 and counting.

"The amazing total raised allows the hospice to continue to provide the highest level of care for our patients as well as ensuring that we can deliver our broad range of services completely free of charge to those who need us.

"It simply would not be possible to continue this important work without our generous supporters.

"We are still receiving donations for Star Trekk 2015, so if you did take part and are yet to collect your sponsorship money don't fret as it's not too late!

"While we revel in the success of last year's event, we are also preparing for a very special year in 2016; both for Queenscourt as we celebrate the hospice' Silver Jubilee and for Star Trekk as our unique night walk is ten years old!

"In 2016 Queenscourt would like to make Star Trekk the biggest it's been and we are aiming to get more than 1,000 walkers to join us on May 20.

"The event is open to everybody and we are inviting men, women and children to come and walk with us.

"It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy a unique and fantastic experience whilst raising vital funds to support the work of the hospice.

"We are delighted to announce Southport's Flooring UK as a new sponsor for Star Trekk 2016.

"Flooring UK is a brilliant local business based on Hart Street and their support will help to underwrite the costs of organising the event. We are extremely grateful and happy to have them on board."

Chris Latham Managing Director for Flooring UK said: "Apart from losing several friends to cancer over the years, last year we lost John Wood to pancreatic cancer, someone who had given Flooring UK 23 years loyal service.

"To make things even worse for his family we then lost John's son Mark to the same genre of the disease less than three months after his Dad. Both of them received great help and support from Queenscourt. This prompted us as a business to do all we can to help this wonderful organisation – hence our sponsorship so please sign up and support them. Just imagine you even get a free t shirt with Flooring UK across your chest!"

Bookining for Star Trekk 2016 will be available on Queenscourt's website from this month. For more information call the fundraising team on 01704 517420.

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Richard Dixon took this photograph of flooding in Rufford using a drone Code NA

Storms cause misery across the borough

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

IT seems that no sooner does one storm subside when along comes another one.

After the widespread misery of flooding across West Lancashire over the Christmas period, residents are bracing themselves for more heavy rainfalls from 'Storm Frank' – predicted to arrive this week before the New Year celebrations following on from the chaos caused by Storm Eva.

The Environment Agency said earlier this week that there needs to be a 'complete rethink' of flood defences after areas across the North West were hit by the floods, and the Government announced that the Department for Transport will plough £40million into helping communities recover from the flooding.

Transport secretary Patrick McLoughlin said: "We are determined to help families and businesses affected by the flooding get back on their feet as soon as possible.

"This has been a very difficult time and I have enormous sympathy for people flooded out of their homes at Christmas.

"We will continue to stand shoulder–to–shoulder with the local communities as they strive to return to business as usual."

Locally, the village of Croston was particularly badly hit by flood water with residents battling to save their homes from the water onslaught.

In other parts of the borough, roads and fields were completely submerged.

Sheep stranded by flooding in Rufford

Champion reader Richard Dixon from Rufford sent in dramatic aerial photographs he took on Sunday, December 27 using a drone over the A581, Meadow Lane and Liverpool Road in Rufford. They show the extent of the flooding with whole fields turned into lakes.

He said: "The river beyond Station Road had burst its banks and flooded the fields, farms and roads towards Croston."

The floods are expected to have affected seasonal trade in West Lancs as roads were closed and access to roads restricted.

Roads leading to The Concourse in Skelmersdale were flooded from Boxing Day onwards and Northway was closed off but the shopping centre remained open.

Centre manager Gary Mitchell believes trade has been hit. He told the Champion: "Although we lost trade as people struggled to get to the centre, we were relieved that the centre didn't flood – although I believe that it was a very close call for KFC.

"We're relieved that West Lancs wasn't affected as badly as Cumbria and we are bracing ourself now for the anticipated bad weather still to come."

Ormskirk Tennis Club, was flooded inside as well as outside. Rob Owens, chairman, said: "Many Ormskirk residents have been badly affected and, like us, are probably searching for a solution to how the clean–up and repair work is going to be paid for since we are saddled with high insurance premiums and substantial excess payments after the last flood.

"A key question for the council and Environment Agency is what was learnt from 2012 and what action was taken to prevent a re–occurrence, because what was done wasn't sufficient.

"I'd like them to face up to their responsibilities and commit to a realistic plan that will see substantial action taken to ensure that we are not subject to this again."

A spokesperson for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service said: "The situation is looking much better across the county, prior to any new weather fronts. Water levels are now receding.

"Further rain is expected on Tuesday and we are already working with partner planning whilst helping businesses and residents recover from the flooding on Boxing Day."

Community farm project hit by floods

Organic Veg Club members row out to rescue their stranded chickens

A COMMUNITY farm project in Burscough was left counting its chickens – quite literally – when flood waters swamped the scheme.

A number of chickens had to be dramatically rescued by project workers who took to dinghies to reach the stranded birds.

Neil Hickson, founder of the Organic Veg Club, which was started two years ago on an eight–acre field on Meadow Lane in Burscough, revealed that the field was flooded by six–foot deep water.

The Organic Veg Club was modelled on schemes popular in America where people buy a 'share' in the crop in the form of a weekly, monthly or annual fee and/or volunteering on the project, in return for a weekly supply of vegetables and fruit.

On Boxing Day, Eller Brook, a tributary of the River Douglas, burst its banks and the project lost more than 30 chickens and ducks and three beehives. However, four members of the group paddled out on two small dinghies on a rescue mission on Sunday, December 27 and were able to rescue 13 chickens who were clinging to the top of their floating hen house – while one of the beehives was salvaged after washing up onto the riverbank the following day.

Neil Hickson, founder, said: "During the flood, two years' hard work from 50 weekly volunteers of the Organic Veg Club were washed away. We lost 32 chickens and ducks, some of which were rare breed Marsh Daisys and Scots Dumpys and we had planted 1,500 trees on site.

"We've had so many messages of support – we're determined to keep the project going. Once the water has gone we will be out there cleaning up the site and getting trees and crops re–planted."

Blaze destroys 18 vehicles

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

EIGHTEEN vehicles went up in flames in a fire at a haulage yard on the Burscough Industrial Estate on Boxing Day.

A HGV caught fire shortly after 12.30pm, setting off a blaze which engulfed six vehicles belonging to Charlton Mini Coaches, four vehicles belonging to another bus company, six cars and one commercial van.

Martin Charlton, managing director of the firm, said: "We are absolutely devastated to have lost half of our fleet in the fire. I've worked hard to build this business up over the last 18 years and now have my two children working here so we won't let this fire stop us and will be working together alongside our team of drivers to overcome this.

"We still have half of our fleet left and will be hiring in vehicles until we can replace what we lost so are still open for business and fulfilling all bookings."

The vehicles after the Boxing Day blaze in Burscough Code NA

Six fire crews attended the blaze and used two jets to stop the blaze spreading to pressurised containers nearby.

Merseyside and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue teams attended the blaze alongside fire–fighters from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services. It took around two hours to extinguish the blaze and make the area safe.

An investigation is on–going.

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What about my house, fumes Paul

by Henry James

A BEECHTREES resident has contacted The Champion to vent his frustration that improvement work has now been carried out on most council homes in Digmoor... apart from his road.

Paul Roughley was reacting after the council decided to delay a £3m scheme to revive the area.

He said: "This is not the first time I have written to your newspaper in regard to this, but I noticed that the council has once again failed the residents of Beechtrees.

"The budget for the Beechtrees revival has now gone from £5.4m, to £3m, and now it is £0m (depending on the council's budget next year).

"I have noticed recently that some blocks on Blythewood (by the Highwayman public house) have just had new windows and gas installed, so it seems that almost everyone on Digmoor has now had some kind of improvement completed, whether it is a new kitchen, new bathroom, or new doors, and windows to help improve their standard of living, yet the residents of the flats in Beechtrees have had nothing.

"The flats on Beechtrees have been left in the 1960's/70's (when they were built) with old falling–apart kitchens, drafty doors and windows, old style bathrooms, and a heating system that is so old and out of date even Mr Edison (the inventor) was around when it was installed.

"The flats on Beechtrees are in dire need of improvement. Even if we just get the doors, windows, heating, and kitchens this would be some kind of improvement to our standard of living and bring the flats a bit closer to the 21st century." A council spokesman said: "The council acknowledges that some homes in Beechtrees are in need of refurbishment.

"However, the council has had to review its spending plans due to changes in rent levels, which we have been informed of by central government. This will reduce the amount of money available to spend for the benefit of tenants. It is expected that the council will decide at its budget meeting in February 2016 if the Beechtrees Revival scheme will go ahead. Tenants were informed of this in a letter dated September 21, 2015.

"Should the Revival scheme not proceed, Beechtrees will be included in the council's element replacement programmes. The council appreciates the concerns of tenants and will keep them updated when decisions are made."

Paul Roughley with a copy of the Beechtrees Revival document

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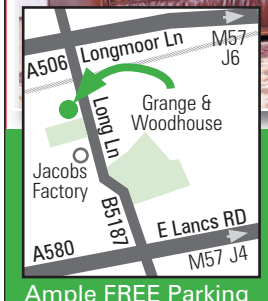

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Family banned from borough!

Father and two sons are banished from West Lancashire due to gang related violence

Report by **Henry James**

THREE men – all from the same family in Skelmersdale – have been completely banned from entering West Lancashire after being involved in gang–related violence in the borough.

At a hearing at Liverpool County Court last month (Wednesday, December 9), a judge extended an interim Gang Injunction Order against George Huyton Junior, aged 24, for a period of six months.

The order was extended in his absence as he failed to attend court.

He is currently wanted by police after he failed to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on August 24 in relation to charges of intimidating a witness, criminal damage and possession of cannabis.

His brother, eighteen year old Thomas Huyton, accepted a full Gang Injunction Order in September 2015. This is in place until September 9, 2016.

Their father, George Huyton Senior, 43, was handed a full order in June 2015 which is valid until June 5, 2017.

He is currently serving 43 months in prison after pleading guilty to supplying crack cocaine and four counts of supplying heroin.

He was sentenced in October 2015.

The tough orders completely prohibit the three men from being in West Lancashire, associating or communicating with each other, engaging in any abusive, threatening or intimidating conduct, owning more than one mobile phone, a motorcycle or being in possession of a knife, any breed of dog and drug–related equipment.

Other prohibitions have also been put in place.

Any breaches can result in that person being hannded a prison sentence of up to two years and or a fine.

The three orders were granted at Liverpool County Court after Lancashire Constabulary submitted various officer statements, police incident logs and witness accounts from members of the local community.

In order to secure the injunctions, officers from the force's Operation Nemesis team say they worked closely with West Lancashire Borough Council and other partner agencies.

Gang violence

Operation Nemesis is a dedicated unit responsible for addressing gang–related issues across the borough of West Lancashire by not only targeting offenders but diverting individuals away from this damaging way of life.

Police Sargent Bernie Coburn of the Nemesis team in Skelmersdale spoke to the Champion about the banning order.

He said: "Securing these civil injunctions shows our absolute commitment to tackling gang–related crime in conjunction with our partners who also field the effects of such behaviour on their services such as the local authority.

"We're keen to pursue all avenues which allow us to target any individual causing problems within our communities and we will increasingly look to Gang Injunction Orders as a way of putting an end to criminal activity.

"Currently, Huyton Junior remains outstanding and I would urge anyone with information about his whereabouts to get in touch with local officers in Skelmersdale or to call us on 101.

We will continue to seek a full injunction order from the county court against him."

A spokesman for Lancashire Police said: "This should serve as a stark warning to tenants that WLBC and Lancashire Constabulary work closely together to use the full range of legal powers to challenge criminality and anti–social behaviour in the borough."

Cubs performing at Stocks Hall

Cubs give Stocks Hall residents a festive surprise

YOUNG cubs gave a festive surprise to residents living at Stocks Hall in Ormskirk.

Ten Ormskirk cub scouts and their leaders sang traditional carols and modern Christmas songs and many residents joined in singing at the residential care home on Nursery Avenue.

Stocks Hall activities co–ordinator, Rebecca McMaster said: "We had a wonderful time listening and singing along to our favourite tunes. It was a joy to have them here."

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Still time to have your say on county council boundaries

Report by **Henry James**

THERE is still time for local people to have their say on new county council division boundaries across Lancashire.

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is currently consulting people on its draft proposals for new electoral division boundaries across the county. The consultation closes on January 11, 2016.

The Commission's draft recommendations propose that Lancashire County Council should have 84 county councillors in the future: the same as the current arrangements.

The proposals mean those councillors would represent 80 single–member electoral divisions and two two–member electoral divisions across the county.

The recommendations propose changes to division boundaries throughout the county.

Max Caller, chair of the Commission, said: "We are asking local people to log on to our website or visit their local library to have a look at our proposals for new division boundaries for Lancashire.

"We are keen to hear what local people think of the recommendations and to tell us if they agree with the proposals. If you don't agree with the boundaries we have drawn, we would like to hear your alternatives.

"Our review aims to deliver electoral equality for voters in elections to Lancashire County Council.

"This means that each county councillor represents a similar number of electors so that everyone's vote in county council elections is worth roughly the same regardless of where you live. We also aim to ensure that the council's divisions reflect, as far as possible, the interests and identities of local communities across the county.

"We will consider all the submissions we receive whoever they are from and whether your evidence applies to the whole of Lancashire or just a part of the county."

People can visit the Commission's interactive consultation portal at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk to look at detailed maps of the Commission's proposals and get all the advice they need to make a submission during the consultation.

The full recommendations and detailed maps are also available on the Commission's main website at www.lgbce.org.uk/current–reviews/north–west/lancashire/lancashire–county–council. Hard copies of the Commission's report and maps have also been made available to view at council buildings and libraries.

Write to: The Review Officer (Lancashire), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP, or email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Lions roar into action to help disabled children

ORMSKIRK Lions roared into action for Christmas by hosting a party for disabled children from across West Lancashire.

The Lions have held annual Christmas parties for 30 years and raise funds beforehand to enable them to pay for presents to give to children with additional needs.

They give the money raised – around £800 each year – to the parents of the children, who buy what the child wants and the gift is given to them at the party by Father Christmas! This year, more than 60 children from West Lancashire, Southport and Maghull attended the event at Aughton Village Hall.

Lions Club secretary Pete Cawthorn said: "For more than 30 years the club has organised and put on this event for disabled children. Father Christmas and his helpers put on a magnificent show. Both the Mayor of West Lancashire Councillor Nikki Hennessy and Maghull Councillor Joan Deegan were also at the Christmas party, and both really got stuck in to hand out Christmas food platters and drinks to the children and their parents. For those disabled children who were not on our list for this year's Christmas party, please make contact with the club president or secretary to make sure of a place in next year's Christmas party. Any children from West Lancashire, Southport and Maghull are all welcome to apply.

Young guests are given gifts by Father Christmas at the Ormskirk Lions' annual Christmas event

"This is our signature event and we raise money all year round to enable us to give the funds to the parents to buy the gifts so that Santa can give a gift the child really wants – it costs around £800 and we do also apply for grants.

"To join us as a volunteer or to make new friends, contact the club or come along to the Aughton Institute on Bold Lane in Ormskirk on the second Thursday of every month."

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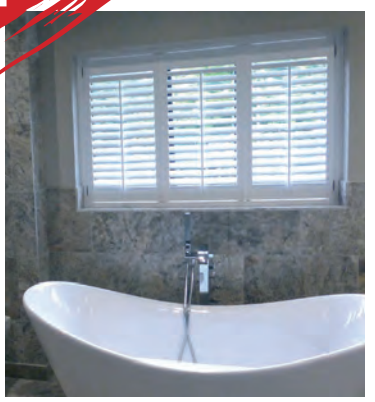

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Law firm help swell food bank

SOLICITORS turned their hand to a new type of challenge before Christmas – by collecting everything from baked beans to biscuits for Ormskirk Foodbank.

Staff at Mooney Everett donated 76kg of food, which will provide around 180 meals, which they sorted at Bickerstaffe Hall Farm in Ormskirk before dropping off at the food bank. They were joined by volunteers from Tesco in Burscough, where generous shoppers had donated around 1,200kgs of food.

Every day people across the UK struggle to put food on the table for themselves and their families for a variety for reasons including redundancy, illness or unexpected bills.

Ormskirk Foodbank will supply a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to local people who find themselves in crisis. Last year the UK Foodbank network fed more than 900,000 people who were referred to them.

Solicitor Helen Morgan said: "It is important to us that we support the local community, especially during the festive season.

"Ormskirk Foodbank provides a vital lifeline to families who are struggling, which is only made possible through their hard–working staff and generous donations from the public.

"We hope our contribution will go some way to helping them and the people of Ormskirk."

•To contribute to the Ormskirk Foodbank visit www.ormskirk.foodbank.org.uk and download a shopping list to see what items are needed.

Plans submitted for haulage depot in Burscough

PLANS have been submitted for a haulage depot and offices in Burscough.

Crompton Property Developments Ltd submitted a planning application to the Borough Council on currently vacant land to the east of Ringtail Place on Tollgate Road.

The plans involve relocating Sephton Transport, who operate temperature controlled fresh produce storage and distribution, from heir current base at Briars Lane in Lathom.

The plans state that development of the site would safeguard 20 full–time jobs and facilitate future expansion of the business.

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Top Thai boxer aims for nursing success

Report by **Henry James**

STUDENT nurse and Thai boxing champion is an unusual combination on any CV, but for Jade Sandlan training for a caring, nurturing profession is the perfect contrast to her success in the tough martial art of Muay Thai.

Now the former Great Britain No.1 is aiming to regain her crown with the help of an Edge Hill University Sports Scholarship while training for the medical profession at the same time.

Jade, 27, only took up Muay Thai six years ago as a way of keeping fit but within a matter of weeks her natural talent for the sport had been noticed and she was taking part in inter–club tournaments.

And just three months later, she entered her first professional fight which she won.

Jade said: "I've always been athletic but I wanted something different than just going to the gym. My brother did Muay Thai so I decided to try it and I've never looked back."

Jade went on to win the Golden Belt British Title in her weight class in 2012 – a title she still holds today.

And despite the physicality of the sport she has never been seriously injured in the ring: "The worst I've had was a cut that needed eight stitches and, aside from sore shins from being constantly kicked, it hasn't been too bad so far.

"My mum hates me doing it but I grew up with five brothers so I think I can handle myself pretty well!"

Her dedication to the sport saw Jade spend 12 months in Thailand training with some of the best fighters in the country. While there, she took part in five fights at the highest A class level, which has no restrictions and is considerably more skilled and potentially dangerous. She won four of those fights and went on to compete internationally eventually being ranked No.1 in Great Britain.

Jade Sandlan **Code NA**

Currently ranked second in the UK, Jade has her sights on taking the top spot again and plans to use her Edge Hill scholarship to help her achieve that ambition.

"The financial assistance and gym membership that comes with being a sports scholar will allow me to keep training at the highest level and carry on competing while I'm studying for my degree."

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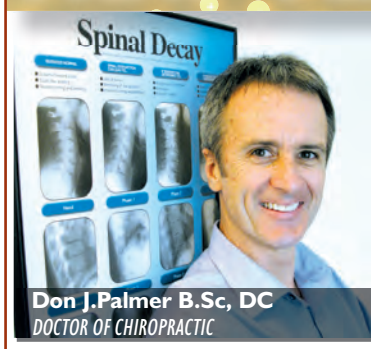

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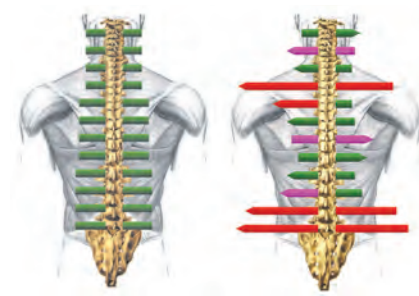

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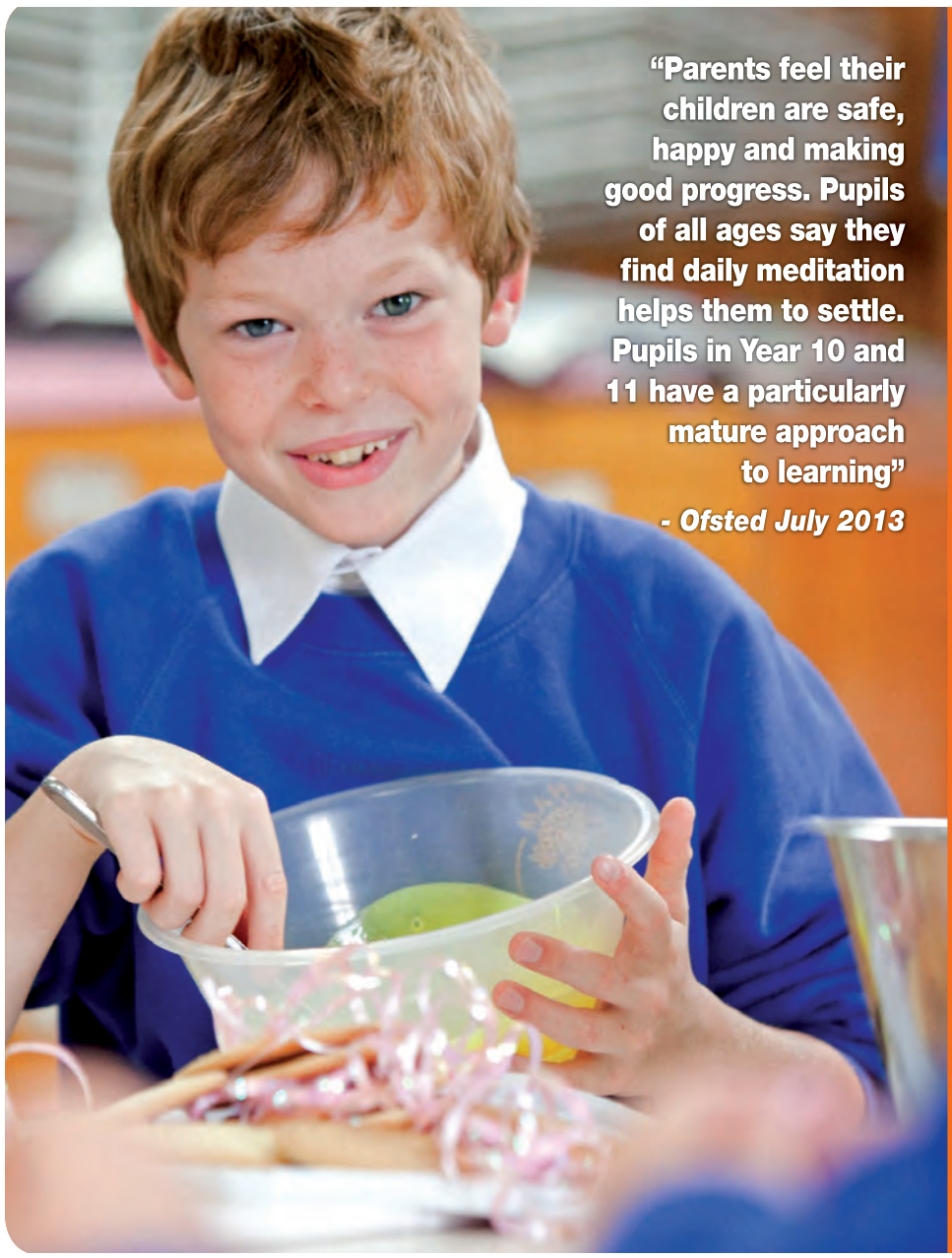
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Solicitors help to boost food bank

A FIRM of solicitors from Skelmersdale has once again offered a helping hand to those less fortunate by arranging a donation to a Skelmersdale food bank.

It is the second time in the space of six months that employees at Scott Rees and Co has arranged a donation and recently they were able to drop off three boxes, crammed full of food that will contribute towards food parcels that were sent out across the festive period to those people in the local area who are less fortunate.

Brenda Lowe, who is a volunteer co–ordinator at the food bank, was on hand to receive the donation yesterday. She thanked the firm and said: "It was great for Scott Rees and Co to pop in and see us and we will be sure to make good use of the food that they have kindly donated."

Scott Rees and Co partner, Lucie Illingworth, who went along to the food bank to make the donation, and said: "This really is a great initiative and we are glad to be able to help out, especially at Christmas time.

"Having visited the food bank and witnessed first hand, the work that they do, a lot of credit and recognition should go to the amazing volunteers, who were running about yesterday putting together the food parcels, as well as taking donations from people and businesses within the local community.

"Seeing how many parcels were already but together and how many toys were also collected and prepared to be donated, was heart warming and we, are proud to have been able to contribute in some way."

The number of people becoming dependant on the Trussel Trust's help is forever on the rise. It is the largest food bank charity in the UK and at the time of the last donation Scott Rees and Co made, there were more than 342 adults and children receiving food donations from the Skelmersdale food bank alone."

Outstanding Ofsted award for playgroup

By Danielle Thompson

A PRE–SCHOOL playgroup has been awarded 'Outstanding' across the board in their most recent Ofsted report.

Mawdesley Pre–School Playgroup, a non–profit organisation which has been running since 1967, was inspected in November and was found to be Outstanding in four areas: effectiveness of the leadership and management; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare and outcomes for children.

The nursery was originally started by two local mums from the village and was based in the British Legion building until Mawdesley Village Hall was constructed. It is open five mornings per week from 9am–noon during term time. It was previously inspected in March 2011 and rated as 'Good' overall.

Ofsted Inspector Jeanette Broofield stated in her report: "Children are extremely keen and motivated to learn. They thoroughly enjoy their time in this highly stimulating environment. Staff are excellent role models. They talk to the children in a calm and respectful manner. The children behave very well and are able to manage their own feelings. The outside area provides children with a wealth of learning experiences."

Joanna Smith, manager Jean Mayson–Cooper and deputy manager Samantha Dawber with pupils at Mawdesley Playgroup

Group leader/manager Jean Mayson–Cooper said: "We are extremely proud of this recognition. Our previous inspection judgements have been 'Good' up until March 2011 when we received 'Good' with three 'Outstanding' areas, so we knew then that we were moving in the right direction.

"We are committed to continuous improvement and maintaining our aim, which is to recognise the unique child, build positive relationships and provide an enabling environment, to support learning and development. Our team are fortunate to have a very supportive network consisting of parents, grandparents, committee members and other professionals for which we are very grateful and of course we must not forget our wonderful children, the reason why we are here in the first place."

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The Healthwatch team wants to reach into communities to find out what really matters to people with a programme of events aimed at gathering feedback on health and social care services in Lancashire.

If you are an organiser of a community group or a member of a community group, you can complete an online form by logging onto www.healthwatchlancashire.co.uk/mysay/

A spokesman for Healthwatch Lancashire said: "An increasing number of people in Lancashire are having their say following more than 6,000 pieces of feedback or responses to research projects received in 2015."

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Dealing with the Inland Revenue can be so taxing

I AM in the dark I'm afraid.... or at least I thought I was.

You must know by now that I have no idea how computers – or even the laptop on which I hopefully am producing this – work, or quite possible don't.

What I do know is that the 'Dog' I wrote for last week's paper – basically wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas – almost never made it into print because, for reasons that almost defeated even those at Champ Towers who know about these things, none of their wonder machines seemed willing to accept the contents of my memory stick.

Which is a real puzzle since it has been working (more or less) perfectly for the past three and I have certainly not done anything different to upset its equilibrium.

Anyway, assuming you are reading this and some sort of digital miracle has occurred, may I wish you everything you hope for in 2016.

Personally, if whatever department now runs the inland revenue can sort out my income tax due without fining me for none payment, I will be satisfied.

It's not as if I don't want to pay – in fact in a way I have.

Having, after two phone calls to them (each of which entailed a wait of more than half an hour before even starting on the rigmarole to get to the section I needed, a figure which I agreed (assuming of course that you think it fair to pay for income I haven't even had) I wrote out a cheque and posted it to the address I was given the same day.

Which should have ended the matter – except that I later received a letter from my bank saying they had returned my cheque to the drawer "because of insufficient funds in my account".

Now this stunned me – I knew for certain I had more than enough.

It transpired that it was, I suppose, my fault.

The cheque book I used was for an account which I thought had been closed three years ago.

Unhappily this was not so – it still existed which a small cash reserve in it – which explained why I had written small cheques on it with no problem.

But not to worry, said my bank.

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As of now, there has been no sign of it.

Big sigh of relief on my part.

Until a letter arrived from Inland Revenue making no mention of my bouncing cheque, but telling me how to pay the amount we agree I owe them.

What to do?

I could send off the money again – only it is quite possible that in between times my original cheque might have been honoured and then I fear it would be one hell of a job to reclaim the double tax I would then have paid.

Or I could wait till after the holidays and face yet another lengthy wait to talk to an 'advisor' to find out what has, or has not happened and risk a fine for late payment.

So I am not at present a very happy bunny.

But having watched on TV the scenes of devastation in the Lake District with the threat of more heavy rain to come, I suppose I should count my blessings and simply rely on my Micawber Hat that something will turn up!

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Musical pupils hit the high note for hospital

Performances help raise £2,311 for Alder Hey

by **Danielle Thompson**

SCHOOLCHILDREN have raised more than £2,300 for charity by putting on not one but three musical performances – and a nativity.

Pupils at Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary School sold tickets and held raffles at their productions of Annie, and the reception year's Christmas nativity, raising an impressive total of £2,311 for Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Headteacher Doug Scholes said: "We always select a special charity to raise funds for each Christmas when we perform our plays.

"Alder Hey Hospital was chosen by the pupils on the school council as they know what fabulous support the hospital gives to sick children and their families all year round.

"The children performed to packed audiences of parents, family and friends and the feedback that we got about the singing and dancing was really humbling.

"The children were magnificent. But they were certainly exhausted after the last show though. To raise more than £2,000 is an unbelievable effort."

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Residents are being encouraged to sign up to Dry January

Banish booze for Dry January

By Danielle Thompson

AS celebrations for Christmas and New Year continue and people may find themselves drinking much more than they normally would, health professionals in Lancashire are encouraging residents to sign up to the Dry January campaign.

Reducing your alcohol intake for the month's 31 days will save you money, improve your health and could even improve your sleep, according to officials at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust.

They are reminding residents that whilst the festive season can be a time for parties and meeting friends, drinking more than the recommended allowance can have damaging effects.

The campaign, which is led by Alcohol Concern, attracted more than two million people last year and looks to be even bigger this year.

Gareth Beck, from the Health Improvement Service, said: "Already hundreds of people across Lancashire have signed up to the Dry January campaign, so whether you're going to take part with your colleagues, friends, family or alone, sign up today and see if you can stay tipple free for 31 days.

"You'll save money, sleep better, lose weight and improve your own health and fitness.

"From now until the New Year you can track your drinking by using the MyDrinkaware dashboard and receive personalised tips and feedback to help you cut down your alcohol intake to safe limits."

To sign up to dry January, visit www.dryjanuary.org.uk. The website includes lots of information about the benefits of stopping drinking and mocktail recipes so those giving up, don't miss out.

To track the amount of alcohol you drink, visit www.drinkaware.co.uk/register.

Uni training resource is 'Better at Home!

A TRAINING resource aimed at helping families of children and young adults with complex health needs has been launched at Edge Hill University.

The Better at Home training suite was officially launched by the university and WellChild, the national charity for seriously ill children.

The suite provides a safe and supportive place for families to learn and practice skills for providing essential medical and nursing care to their children in a homely environment.

Training will be given by highly–skilled professionals in the interactive resource, which offers a safe and supportive environment. Families will have the chance to gain the competency and confidence needed to deliver care in their own homes.

During the successful 24–month pilot phase, parents, grandparents and carers who received training from a dedicated parent–educator nurse reported that it empowered them to provide care themselves in their own home.

Linda Partridge, director of programmes for WellChild, said: "We are delighted that this facility will help develop greater understanding of how best to support families across the UK."

Hayley Smallman from WellChild and Professor Tanya Byron

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Geography students are going places!

THE Year 9 geography students at Lathom High in Skelmersdale took part in a travel and tourism masterclass at West Lancashire College on Thursday, December 3 as part of the 'Going places' unit of work they have been studying in school.

They were treated to classes on responsible tourism, careers in the tourist industry and holidays in Majorca.

They also had the opportunity to attend a holiday welcome meeting and experience the West Lancashire College Mock Aircraft Cabin.

Denise Ryley Geography Subject leader at Lathom High said: "The students thoroughly enjoyed the hands on experience and it has left them with ideas for future jobs in the tourist industry."

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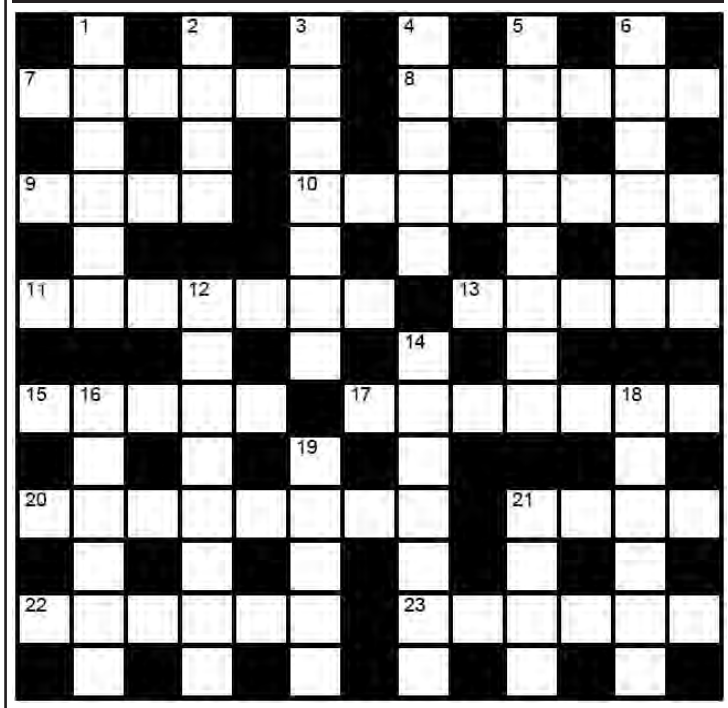

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Master. 8 Iambic. 9 Clog. 10 Mismatch. 11 Operate. 13 Drape. 15 I-beam. 17 Put down. 20 Sauterne. 21 Such. 22 Summit. 23 Avocet.

Down: 1 Call up. 2 Stag. 3 Eremite. 4 First. 5 Impaired. 6 Hiccup. 12 Real time. 14 Numeral. 16 Beat-up. 18 Wicked. 19 Orate. 21 Stow.

ACROSS

7 Shooting star (6)
8 Make known (6)
9 Great enthusiasm (4)
10 Wishful thinker? (8)
11 (Of metal) beaten or shaped by hammering (7)
13 Moved back and forth or side to side while suspended (5)
15 Cut up into small pieces (5)
17 Hard, tangy Swiss cheese (7)
20 Pressurised device used to emit a liquid (5,3)
21 Handle of a weapon or tool (4)
22 Stable subatomic particle with a positive charge (6)
23 Middle section of an insect's body (6)

DOWN

1 Thin decorative layer of fine wood (6)
2 Outer covering of fruit or vegetable (4)
3 Woman's ideal man? (2,5)
4 Non-alcoholic drink added to a spirit (5)
5 Passage for surplus water from a dam (8)
6 Jail (6)
12 Not virtuous (8)
14 Group of three (7)
16 Adulterated (6)
18 Put more bullets in a gun after firing it (6)
19 Representative (5)
21 Pointed part of a horse's foot (4)

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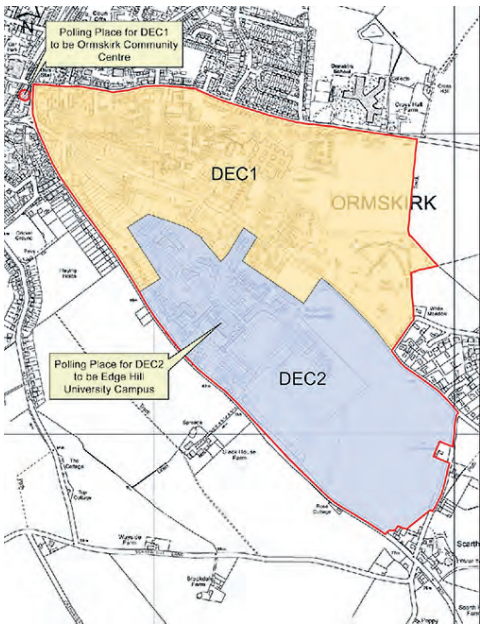

Polling Place for DEC1 to be Ormskirk Community Centre
DEC1
ORMSKIRK
Polling Place for DEC2 to be Edge Hill University Campus
DEC2

Map of the proposed polling districts Code NA

Derby Ward views are sought for polling plan

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

VOTERS living in the Derby Ward in Ormskirk can share their views on the next stage of a review of polling facilities.

West Lancashire Borough Council is carrying out a review of the DEC Polling District, within the Derby Ward, to ensure electors are able to vote conveniently and efficiently.

A consultation was carried out last month on the current location of the Polling Place and two Polling Stations at Ormskirk Community Centre, St Helens Road, Ormskirk.

Now a consultation is being carried out on the Council's initial proposals to split Polling District DEC into two Polling Districts.

Polling District DEC2 would cover Edge Hill University. The Polling Place would be the campus and 'The Hub' within the campus would be the Polling Station. Polling District DEC1 would cover the rest of the Polling District and have the Polling Place and one Polling Station at Ormskirk Community Centre. Voters who live in these areas can share their views and can share alternative locations that may be used as Polling Places or Polling Stations.

Gill Rowe, returning officer, said: "We would appreciate comments from anyone living in Polling District DEC, as making sure Polling Places and Polling Stations are in the best possible locations is very important."

Representations should be made no later than Tuesday January 5. For more information visit westlancs.gov.uk/elections

Double success for county council at awards ceremony

TWO Lancashire County Council intitatives have been recognised at the prestigious Children and Young People Now Awards.

The county's Employment and Support team won the Recruitment and Professional Development Award for helping young people to gain apprenticeships, work placements and training opportunities.

And the Children with Disabilities Council – known as POWAR (Participate, Opportunities, Winners, Achieve and Respect) – was runner–up in the Youth Volunteering Award category.

Report by **Henry James**

POWAR is run by Barnardo's on behalf of the county council.

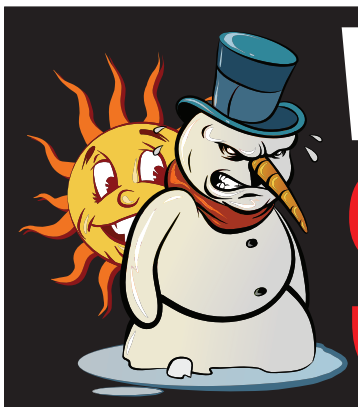
The Employment and Support team won their award – along with a certificate and trophy – for the introduction of apprenticeships and work placements within the county council, in district councils and in businesses across Lancashire.

From July 2014 to June this year a total of 990 apprenticeships, pre–apprenticeship programmes, work placements and work experience opportunities were established.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, the county's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Increasing the number of young people in full–time employment or education is one of our priorities. To help us to achieve this, we've developed and put a number of programmes in place to improve skills, attract new talent and look at youth employment issues at grassroots level.

"We focus on supporting those who are vulnerable, or have had a difficult background. I'm delighted with our results."

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson



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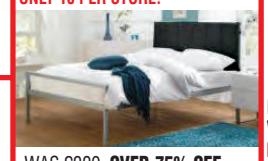
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Youngsters take a dive for medal haul

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

YOUNG divers from Burscough were thrilled to become the highest–rated club in the North West, taking home 17 medals at the first of three Regional Skills Competitions in Bury.

A total of 23 divers aged five–16 years old from Burscough Diving Club (BD4F) battled off stiff competition from clubs across the region when they competed at the first of three Regional Skills Competitions at Bury Diving Club earlier this month.

The competitions aim to identify talent who can represent their clubs at the National Skills Championships in 2016.

There were outstanding gold medal winning performances from Katie Gardner, Ryan Ferra, Corey Middleton, Holly Curran, Hope Curran, Leon Ferra and James Routledge, followed up with five silver and five bronze medals.

All of the divers who achieved podium success at this competition have now qualified for the next round of the Regional Skills event, where they will be expected to perform at a higher level.

Divers who continue to progress and achieve the national qualifying standards will represent the club at the prestigious National Skills competition in July, where they will compete against divers from across the UK.

The young divers show off their medals

Burscough Diving Club's head coach, Carlos Ferra, said: "The excellent Diving Programme taught within the club has showed its worth once again, as our young diving team excelled against some very experienced divers. Although the club is in its infancy, I have already identified a number of divers who from January will begin an 18 month GB Diving Pathway programme. I am extremely confident we will deliver an elite diver from West Lancashire in the next few years."

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Council dig deep to approve allotment plan

AN application to create a 35 plot allotment site on the recreation field in Ashurst, Skelmersdale has been granted permission by councillors, but with conditions.

The proposals, which have been submitted by the borough council, were decided upon at the council's Planning Committee on Thursday, December 10.

The allotments would be built at a site which is about 0.7 hectares in size and is an area of land to the south–west of Manfield. The main part of the site would be west of the existing cycle/footpath. Another area is to be used, smaller in size, by the allotments on 133 Manfield.

When the allotments are constructed, a new road would be built. There would also be a car park for 18 cars. There are plans for a communal shed and a communal storage cabin.

Each plot would have a garden shed.

There will also be a parking area for seven cars, which will serve the existing allotments.

Assistant director of planning at the borough council, John Harrison wrote the following in his report before the meeting: "In my view the proposed development is acceptable in principle. The design of the proposed scheme is considered satisfactory. The development won't have significant impact on highway safety.

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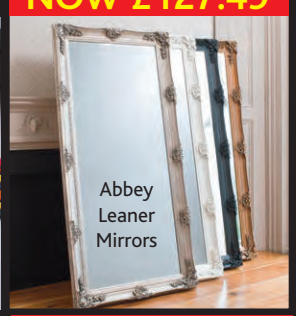

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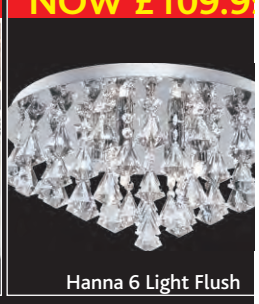

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Beauty pageant hopeful Ciandra wants to boost self–confidence

Ciandra at Asda Skelmersdale

Report by **Henry James**

A TEENAGER from Skelmersdale will be putting any issues she feels she has with self–confidence behind her when she competes in the national finals of a beauty pageant next year.

Ciandra Birnbaum, from Ashurst, will be representing Lancashire at the teen category of Miss Galaxy UK national finals on Saturday, February 6 at Park Hall Hotel in Chorley.

The 17–year–old said: "I sent a photo of myself, and included my statistics. They emailed me back and said I was exactly what they were looking for.

"My mum suggested I enter the competition as I feel I lack self–confidence. I have never done anything like this before and I am looking forward to represent Lancashire."

Ciandra will be competing against girls from across the country and will have to take part in a number of rounds such as: the party wear stage, the evening wear round, the swim wear stage and will be interviewed.

The teenager is studying textiles, psychology, sociology and geography at Cardinal Newman College in Preston. Her goal is to be the managing director of a textiles company.

Ciandra will also be taking part in a Crown and Glory beauty pageant in Wrexham in April.

She recently visited Asda Skelmersdale on Thursday, December 24 to give a box of goods to the food bank collection point. Her donation included long–life milk and tinned food.

Tasty gingerbread treat auctioned for Queenscourt

A GINGERBREAD house has been raffled off for two local charities.

Staff at a local hostelry, the Town Green Brasserie in Aughton raffled the sweet treat off shortly before Christmas with the proceeds divided between Queenscourt Hospice and The Legacy Rainbow House charity in Mawdesley.

The lucky winner, Richard Forrest, was picked at random and as well as receiving the house, he was treated to a bottle of champagne.

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Sue Allt, an award winning weight loss expert from West Lancashire is launching a brand new MONDAY 1pm Slimming World Group in the ASHURST CENTRE due to the growing success of her Monday evening group.

Sue who has been a Slimming World Consultant for over 7 years, consistently helps more than 400 members on a weekly basis, she has won several awards for her exceptional service and for helping her members return week after week because they lose weight beautifully and wouldn't miss their weekly group for anything.

Sue says: 'I absolutely love my job. I'm passionate about helping people to transform their lives by losing weight and seeing them succeed, and I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to help even more people succeed on their weight loss journey.

"Our groups have really put healthy weight loss on the map in West Lancashire. Together, members have lost an amazing amount of weight in the last year. Obesity is at record levels everywhere and affects many people in West Lancashire who are suffering a range of weight-related health problems from diabetes to heart problems and feelings of low self-worth that impact on their working and personal lives every day. It's never been more important that people who struggle with their weight get the support to make the changes needed to lead healthier lives – both for themselves and their children, too."

To join the new ASHURST group, which is held every Monday at 1pm at Ashurst Centre, either pop along or give Sue a call on 07817444580.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

'Super slimmer Beth is set to shine in 2016

Beth Daunt is looking forward to the 'New Year' more than ever before after losing 3st with her local Slimming World group..

The 22-year-old has dropped a whopping 4 dress sizes since joining her Slimming World group in November 2015,

Beth who weighed 11st 6lb and wore a dress size 14 at her heaviest and is now a 'slinky' 8st 3lb and a dress size 8, says "I was really looking forward to this Christmas and finally feeling glamorous enough to wear the outfits I always dreamed but to start 2016 at my ideal weight has been the icing on the cake."

"When I was bigger I was really unhappy. I didn't like what I saw when I looked in the mirror, I hated shopping for clothes and I felt self-conscious most of the time. Things are completely different now and I feel much more confident than I used to.

She adds, I was very nervous when I first walked through the doors of the group because I expected everyone to judge me, but I needn't have worried because everyone was so friendly and welcoming. I've made friends and I love swapping recipes and ideas every week. There's lots going on in the group so it's always lots of fun. My Consultant has been so supportive too, she's positive and enthusiastic and is always at the end of the phone if I need her."

After joining Slimming World, Beth began following the club's Food Optimising healthy eating plan and was amazed to discover that she didn't have to give up her favourite meals: "I actually eat the same things now as before – curries, roast dinners, pasta dishes – but they're all made from scratch and I still eat out too – I just make healthier choices like having pasta with a tomato and vegetable sauce instead of meals that are fried or covered in creamy sauces or dressings."

Before I lost weight I would dread it though, because I could never find anything to wear on nights out and I would feel uncomfortable and out of place, that's if I didn't make an excuse to avoid socialising completely. This year I've been accepting every invitation I receive and instead of hiding in baggy or black clothes, I've be showing off my new figure!"

Beth's Daily menu:

Breakfast: *A big bowl of chopped fruit e.g, Apple, pear and banana with either fat free natural yoghurt*

Lunch: *Pasta salad. Followed by melon with a muller light yoghurt.*

Dinner: *Spaghetti Bolognese with linguine or as a pasta bake with lots of mixed vegetables*

Snacks: *Cereal bars, fruit, fat free Greek natural yoghurt with fruit, Options hot chocolate topped with marshmallows*

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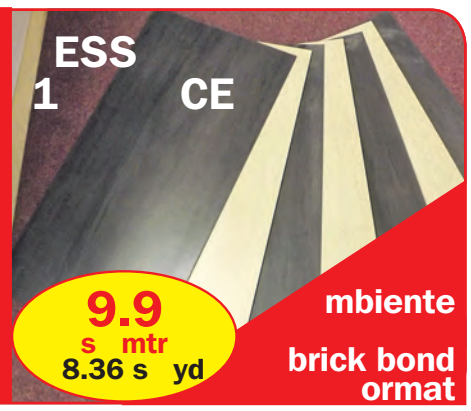

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Hospital to hold board meeting

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will hold its next board meeting on Wednesday January 6 from 9.30am.

The meeting will be held in the Seminar Room of the Clinical Education Centre at Southport and Formby District General Hospital.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. Anyone with a special requirement should contact the Trust in advance on 01704 704783.

The agenda will be available on the Trust website in advance of the meeting. Supporting papers will be made available on the day.

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Town's light display 'was a huge disgrace'

Report by **Henry James**

Furious residents slam Skelmersdale's Christmas tree and illuminations

The Christmas tree in Skelmersdale town centre

THE quality of Christmas lights in Skelmersdale town centre has once again come under fire from residents.

The residents of the town have criticised the council and have sent a Freedom of Information request to the council asking them how much they have spent on Christmas lights.

Kris Kelly emailed The Champion and said: "The poor quality of Christmas lights in the Skelmersdale area again this year is a huge disgrace to the town.

"This is the most shocking display of Christmas lighting we have ever seen.

"The people from Skelmersdale are left to travel out of town to feel the festivities and drive through much smaller towns to admire the cheer and spirit.

"We want to know how the funding for these events is shared across the borough.

"Yet again Skelmersdale is being left behind, we have no parks, no Christmas lights, and no local investment. How is it that a town of 50,000 is ignored again and again by the council.

"We have written to Rosie Cooper and the Mayor of West Lancashire for support and placed a Freedom of Information Request to the council for information on costs placed in the Skelmersdale area on festive lights."

A council spokesman responded: "The council has traditionally organised one Christmas Lights Switch On event in the Borough each year. This is held in Ormskirk as this is central to the borough and is accessible to people from different parts of the borough including Skelmersdale.

"The council also puts Christmas trees up in Skelmersdale, Burscough, Ormskirk and Up Holland. The lights on Skelmersdale's tree and the festoon lights which stretch between a number of buildings near the tree were damaged by the heavy rain and windy weather over the weekend of December 12–13 and the council replaced the lights on Wednesday, December 16.

"West Lancashire Borough Council is ambitious for Skelmerdale and the Borough as a whole. The recently adopted Economic Development Strategy concentrates on the need to regenerate Skelmersdale and contains numerous actions to do this, which are already starting to be implemented.

"In particular the council is working with private and public sector partners on the Skelmersdale town centre regeneration project."

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Abbey Wood Lodge residents, friends and family enjoy their Christmas meal at the Hilton Hotel Code NA

Abbey Wood residents enjoy festive day out

By Danielle Thompson

RESIDENTS from a care home in Ormskirk were joined by friends, relatives and other community groups for their annual Christmas meal in Liverpool.

Staff at Abbey Wood Lodge care home on County Road organised the Christmas lunch and wine reception at the Hilton Hotel last week.

Earlier this year, staff at the home spearheaded a campaign to make older people in the local community feel more involved by inviting them to join residents at free activities and events held at the home and day trips out.

Ten residents from Lindsay House Care Home in Parbold, five ladies from Brookside Independent Living, three ladies from Age UK in Ormskirk, and six young adults from the Legacy Rainbow House children's charity in Mawdesley joined the trip with around 50 residents, friends and families, plus Dementia Champion Joe Sherville.

Events organiser Lesley Malone told the Champion: "It was a spectacular event bringing the community together, enjoying a lovely Christmas dinner in one of the most popular hotels in a Liverpool. With entertainment, singing and dancing, we all enjoyed an unforgettable afternoon.

"Next year Abbey Wood Lodge will be launching a new initiative with Brookside Independent Living. We have been in talks with Residents' Committee representative Magda Clark to launch a monthly Friendship Day, which will be held once a month for elderly people that live in care homes linking up with elderly people that are living on their own on in the local community."

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Campaigner Thomas Barton at Ruff Woods Code NA

Ruff Wood work set for completion

By Danielle Thompson

WORK which aims to improve parking provision at Ruff Wood has started – and is expected to be completed by early next month.

West Lancashire Borough Council has funded £15,000 to re–surface the lay–by, while recent works to improve the area have included improved access points, pathways, signage and artwork features.

The improvements to the lay–by were planned as part of an ongoing improvement programme for visitors to the woodland, particularly for disabled users.

The scheme, which started last week, is expected to take around three weeks to complete. The lay–by will be closed while work is ongoing.

Local campaigner Thomas Burton told The Champion: "The planned developments at Ruff Wood will improve the car park for all users of this much loved local attraction.

"As I'm sure people will agree, Ruff Woods car park needed improving and the new resurfacing of the car park will benefit local residents within West Lancashire."

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Care staff don festive jumpers for charity

STAFF at a care home in Parbold enjoyed raising money for charity by wearing Christmas jumpers last week.

Workers at Lindsay House care home on Parbold Hill raised £35 for the national Text Santa appeal on Friday December 18 by wearing jumpers featuring robins, penguins, Christmas puddings, lights and even characters from the Disney film Frozen.

They also held a number of fundraising games – including guessing how many snowflakes were on ITV's This Morning show presenter Philip Schofield's jumper and sold cupcakes, which were donated by Andrea Blease from Thoroughly–Good Cakes in Burscough.

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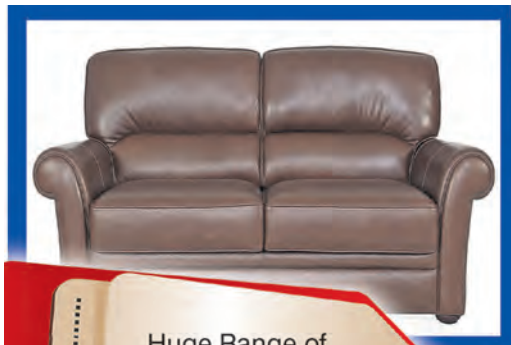

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Story of Harpagon, The Miser being told at Little Theatre

THERE is an old man in Formby who never looks forward to Christmas. He is Harpagon, The Miser, and his story will be told at Formby Little Theatre in January.

The original comedy is by Molière, but local actor John Sharp translated The Miser from its 17th century French five years ago and together with fellow actors in the former Sefton Theatre Company, adapted it for a modern day production.

It has since been further adapted for a Formby audience by the director, Roger Sloman.

John Sharp will play Harpagon in this latest version, as Molière did in the original one, supported by a large cast from Formby Little Theatre.

They will be rehearsing throughout the Christmas period in order to set their audience laughing in the dark days of New Year.

John Sharp will play the Miser

The Miser opens January 12 for two weeks, and tickets are now on sale from 01704 875821.

Young people invited to join Empire's Summer Project

YOUNG people who can act, dance and sing and are between the ages of 11 and 21 are being invited to join the Liverpool Empire Creative Learning Summer Project.

Applications are now open for the bi–annual summer school programme during which people will have the opportunity to work alongside industry professionals to stage a full scale musical production of West Side Story.

The show will be performed at the Liverpool Empire Theatre from Thursday 18 – Saturday August 20 2016! Call 0151 702 7337.

Chance to get 'up close and personal' with artists at new gallery

A NEW contemporary commercial gallery is to open in Sefton within The Atkinson, Southport this February.

The Landing is The Atkinson's new gallery space, which offers a different approach to viewing exhibitions to its other spaces.

The new Gallery opens in February with an exhibition from Birkdale resident Derek Culley who has had his work exhibited internationally as well as all over the UK.

His style includes strong chiaroscuro, heavy impasto, vigorous brushwork and direct, expressive handling, in which Celtic imagery and associations are important.

He is the founder member and chairman of Celtic Vision with the painters John Bellany and Denis Bowen, and participated in the group's exhibition tour in 1986–7.

Nicola Euston, museum manager said: "This is a great opportunity for our visitors to get up close and personal with the artists and then take a piece of unique, but affordable art home with them.

"We are so delighted that Derek Culley chose our new space to exhibit his work.

"The Landing is different from the other galleries in The Atkinson, other than during the Sefton Open we do not generally sell the work on display.

"This is our first commercial gallery which means that people can simply come in and buy the art, there and then. Once the piece has been bought it will be removed from display and another piece exhibited. This we hope will keep the exhibition fresh for the visitor.

"Each time they come back – it could have changed depending on the sales.

"This does mean that if people want to buy a piece on display – they should be quick, as the next time they comes someone may have been quicker than them!

"The Landing is a new and exciting place for regional artists to showcase their work and for visitors to buy the artwork. It will have a changing programme of exhibitions throughout the year, as well as a range of special events linked to the exhibitions.

Derek Culley is known for his vibrant creations **Code NA**

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Landing opens on Saturday, February 6 at The Atkinson with a launch from 1pm.

The first exhibition from Derek Culley is running until Sunday, May 15.

The new commercial gallery was funded by Transformers, the Museums Association's workforce initiative for people in mid–career, supported by any accredited museum, looking to change the way they work.

Nicola Euston, The Atkinson's museum manager was awarded a place on the scheme this year which challenges arts professionals to develop new ways of working, and to engage with experimental ideas, fresh thinking and learning from the experience of experts and innovators.

The Landing is a place for regional artists to showcase their work and the space will house different exhibitions throughout the year, so join the mailing list so that we can keep you informed.

For more information call the Box Office on 01704 533333 or visit theatkinson.co.uk

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Play looking at John Lennon's life from fresh perspective opens 2016

A PLAY about Beatles legend John Lennon which opened in Australia, has played Off Broadway New York, and entertained audience at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival is heading to Liverpool for two weeks in April 2016.

Lennon: Through A Glass Onion will open at The Epstein Theatre, Hanover Street, on Monday, April 18, running through to Friday, April 29. There will be 14 performances across the two weeks, including four matinees.

Written by John Waters and produced by Harley Medcalf, the show is part concert, part biography and celebrates the genius, music and phenomenon of John Lennon. It features 31 iconic hits of Lennon and Lennon/McCartney including Imagine, Strawberry Fields Forever, Revolution, Woman, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds, Working Class Hero, and Jealous Guy.

Writer John Waters is one of Australia's most recognised, respected and critically acclaimed actors and singers. Born in Britain, he has built and retained a fan base across four decades of theatre, musicals, TV, film and music.

Producer Harley Medcalf's career spans 40 years. He has produced shows in over 300 cities worldwide and worked with artists including Elton John, Michael Crawford, Michael Flatley, Shirley Bassey and Meat Loaf.

The show was first performed on a small stage at the Tilbury Hotel in Sydney in 1992 – 12 years after John Lennon's untimely death. The show struck a chord with audiences and was an instant success. In the years that followed, Waters and accompanist Stewart D'Arrietta toured the show and sold out venues including The Sydney Opera House. It then headed to London's West End for three months.

It recently played a 16–week season in New York. And in Summer 2015, it entertained audiences at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival for three weeks. The play is currently back on tour in Australia.

Harley commented: "The play has received a really warm welcome in venues across Australia, Off Broadway in New York; and by audiences at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival. So it's a real honour and truly humbling to be bringing to show to Lennon's Liverpool birthplace. This is going to be a very special run and we invite the people of Liverpool to come along and hear about John's life from a brand new perspective.

"For the audience this is either an emotional trip down memory lane or a wonderful introduction to the life and times of one of the most fascinating icons of our time. And where better to do just that than in the birthplace of The Beatles."

Lennon: Through A Glass Onion features Liverpool actor Daniel Taylor in the lead role, who will reveal the essence of the life of an icon, whose talent is still treasured the world over.

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MISC

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BIKES

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CLOTHING

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0602/FUL Two-storey extension and alterations, single storey garage extension and conversion of two dwellings into one at Neston , Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk.

The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0984/FUL Side extension for a car port and bedroom extension over at Brookwood, Croasdale Drive, Parbold.

Application No: 2015/1247/COU Change of use and conversion of Holland Hall Hotel Cottage from hotel accommodation to 2 residential apartments (Use Class 3). Loft conversion, installation of velux windows and new window to gable (retrospective) at Building To The East Of Holland Hall Hotel, Lafford Lane, Up Holland.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Assistant Director Planning

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BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday
Leyla Elghrissat
30/12/1994

Happy 21st birthday, Leyla! Wishing you health and happiness always.
With all our love
Mum, Sam, Audrey & Grandpa
xxxxx

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To place a family announcement please call 01704 392392

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

PLANT
Joan

The family of the late Joan would like to thank the following people.

Fr Tony Slingo of St John Stone RC Church in Ainsdale for an inclusive and inspiring mass and everybody who took time to show their appreciation for Joan's life and support for the family.

Karen, Angie and All of the dedicated team at Lancaster Court Care Home for their care and compassion over the past two years. You have become a part of our lives and we will miss you.

Carl and Nicky Howard at Howards Funeral Directors for their immediate response to our cry for help and their meticulous attention to detail in every single tiny element of laying Mum to rest, such detail we truly believe was delivered because we chose such a well-established, independent family company of funeral Directors.

Thank you to everyone for your cards, prayers and love. Also thanks for donations to Jospice, Thornton.

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RIGBY
Jamie
'Our Jay'

31st December 2015

Today would have been your 31st birthday with prezzies, fun and laughter. But instead we will send a dove to you with a parcel on its wings. Be careful when you open it Jay, it's full of precious things. There's a million hugs and kisses to show how much you are missed. Love from every one of us. Broken hearted you are not here. Miss them big hugs Jay.
Love always Mum, Dad, Danielle, Liam Stuart & Taz.

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Blowing kisses to heaven
Ava - Emily,
Iyla - Beau,
Poppy - Jae

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

RIGBY
Jamie

31st December 2015

31st Birthday

Happy Birthday Jay you will be in our hearts and our thoughts forever. Miss you always
All our love
Uncle Les,
Auntie Doreen
& Auntie Mary

X X X

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

RIGBY
Jamie

31st December 2015

Jay your special day we cannot share. But in our hearts you are always there.
God Bless
Love Joan, Jimmy, Jay & Jo.

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IN MEMORIAM

HALLAM
Gary

30 December 2014

A whole year without you.

We miss you always

We know you are with us always.

We love you always.

Our boys are such a credit to us Gaz.

Love you so much,
Fiona, Tucker & Ben

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DEATHS

BALL
John
Alexander

Sadly passed away 21st December 2015

Aged 80 years

Much loved husband to Pauline, father, grandfather & great grandfather who will be sadly missed by all. Funeral service on Wednesday 30th December 9.00am at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only, but if wished donations can be made to the British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services 01695 731199.

DEATHS

WYNN
VERA
née Gregory

21st December 2015

Sad are the hearts that loved you.

Sad are the tears that fall.

But living our lives without you,

is the saddest part of all.

Love you always

Carol & Billy

DEATHS

FAIRHURST
David

22nd December 2015

Peacefully at home aged 60 years

Loving husband of Anita, devoted dad of Michael, Lynn and David, dear father-in-law of Emma and Shaun, cherished grandad of all his grandchildren, much loved brother of Malcolm and Susan, Sheila and Dave, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Thursday 31st December at 11.30am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Macmillan Cancer Support.

All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

DEATHS

CORKE
Maxine
Elaine

19th December 2015

Sadly passed away aged 58 years.

Much loved and missed Mother to Bernard and Kayleigh and Nana to Lewis and Daniel. All enquires to H Hardman & Co. Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale Tel:- 01695 722122/720012

IN MEMORIAM

LEDSHAM
RONNIE

29th December 2014

We hope we make you proud Dad,
Even though you're no longer here,
Your memory has grown stronger,
In this first year.
At the end it was a battle,
One your weren't going to win,
A fight against a demon,
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Love and miss you loads.
Marion, Joyce,
Joan, Ronald, Jean,
Christine and partners,
grandchildren and
great grandchildren
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DEATHS

WILLIAMS
Mary

9th December 2015

Peacefully with her family at Warren Park Nursing Home. Aged 88 years.

Loving wife of Arthur. Loving Mum to Mary and Peter, Nan and Greatgrandma. Sadly missed.
Mary's funeral service will be held at 2pm Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Netherton on Thursday 7th January 2016, followed by committal at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Save the Children or Jospice. Any enquiries to Barringtons Funeral Services on 0151 928 1625.

DEATHS

WYNN
VERA
née Gregory

21st December 2015

Although we're not together,

we will never be apart,

because you have that special place,

right here within my heart.

Your loving husband

Len

DEATHS

ROTHWELL
Jean
"Peggy"

22nd December 2015

Aged 89 years, peacefully after a short stay in hospital.

Beloved wife of the late Harold, much loved mum to Mike, and mother-in-law to Ali, proud nana to Chris, Jon and Matt.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 7th January at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for St John Ambulance and Freshfield Animal Rescue Centre.

Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 82 Station Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3HW. Telephone: 01704 577786.

DEATHS

WALKER
Jo
(Jocelyn)

21st December 2015

Aged 73 years

Loving wife of Ian, caring mum to Andrew and Catherine, the best grandmother to Natasha. Jo will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Service at Emmanuel Parish Church on Monday 4th January at 12 noon followed by a private family committal. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

IN MEMORIAM

RIBBENS
Paul Harry

29 December 2012

3yr Today

The moment that you died our hearts were torn in two, one side filled with heartache, the other died with you. We often lie awake at night,when the world is fast asleep,and take a walk down memory lane,with tears upon our cheeks. Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday, but missing you is heartache that never goes away. We hold you tightly within our hearts and there you will remain. Until the joyous day arrives,that we will meet again.
Love and miss you Paul.
From Mum, Dad, Karen, Louis & Sophie
xxxxx

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DEATHS

WYNN
VERA
née Gregory

21st December 2015

Gone are the days we used to share,

but in our hearts you're always there.

Never more than a thought away,

loved and remembered everyday.

All our love forever

Vicki and Chris

DEATHS

WYNN
VERA
née Gregory

21st December 2015

Peacefully in hospital aged 82 years of Skelmersdale.

The dearly loved wife of Len, loving mum of Carol, dear mother-in-law of Billy and devoted nan of Vicki.

Funeral service and interment at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale today, Wednesday 30th December 2015 at 1.00pm.
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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CYCLE PATH – SOUTHPORT ROAD, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any cycles from proceeding over that length of the cycle path on Southport Road, Scarisbrick from a point at the Bridge over Boundary Brook to a point 50 meters South East of 186 Southport Road, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure is as follows

No Diversion- Cycle Path.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to install new 400PE water main.

The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Wednesday 6th January 2016 until 1700 hours on Sunday 15th May 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/901/HD]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(A5209 ALDER LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding over that length of A5209 Alder Lane, from its junction with Bradshaw Lane for a distance of 25 metres in an easterly direction, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the prohibition is as follows;

A5209 Alder Lane – B5246 Lancaster Lane – The Common – Station Road – Mill Lane – A5209 Alder Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential repairs to inspection chamber to be carried out

The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours to 1530 hours on Sunday 17th January 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/15/1080/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LEES LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Lees Lane, for its whole length in the borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Appley Lane South- B5375 Appley Lane North – A5209 Hall Lane – A5209 Sparrow Hill – A5209 Parbold Hill – A5209 Alder Lane – Higher Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Wednesday 4th January 2016 until 1700 hours on Friday 8th January 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/15/1196/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SOUTHWAY LINK ROAD, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of the Southway link road from its junction with Southway north bound carriageway to its junction with Southway south bound carriageway, in the borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Southway – B5312 Grimshaw Road - Southway.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable telecommunication works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative overnight from 2100 hours until 0600 hours on Tuesday 19th January 2016 until Thursday 21st January 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: 15/1318/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DRUMMERSDALE LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Drummersdale Lane from a point outside the property known as Brookside for a distance of 490 metres in a Westerly direction, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Drummersdale Lane - Bescar Lane - B5242 Hall Lane - B5242 Damwood Lane - Drummersdale Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow telecommunications works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily between 0930 hours and 1530 hours on Thursday 14th January 2016 until Friday 15th January 2016, until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/15/1190/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GRIMSHAW LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding over that length of Grimshaw Lane from its junction with Heskin Lane for a distance of 25 metres in a South Westerly direction, in the borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Heskin Lane – Marians Drive – Courtfield – Grimshaw Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential repairs to an inspection chamber to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 11th January 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

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May the force be with Honda's new supercar – 11 years after their first NSX

Life On Cars
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STAR WARS fans have had it easy – they've only had to wait ten years for a follow–up. If you want to see real patience then spare a thought for anyone saving up for a new Honda NSX.

The chaps at Honda are insistent that their new mid–engined supercar will be landing in the showrooms sometime in the spring of 2016, meaning it's been more than 11 years since the last original NSX rolled out of the showroom. It's been even longer since Honda actually launched a supercar; Margaret Thatcher was still Prime Minister when that happened.

It's weirder to think the new NSX's predecessor arrived at a time when most of us were still driving Ford Sierras, which makes you realise just how far ahead of the game it was. I was lucky enough to drive one the other day, and it just didn't compute in my petrolhead grey matter that a 1992 car developed in the late Eighties felt slicker and more modern than the 15–reg Astra I'd been piloting half an hour earlier.

The NSX moved performance motoring on so much that Gordon Murray used it as his benchmark when he was developing the McLaren F1 – which is why the new one has an even bigger weight of expectation than The Force Awakens did. Ferrari and Porsche upped their game after the original NSX came out and made its party trick of being exciting and easy to use their own, which is why any of you could step out of a Ford Focus and into a 488GTB without feeling too frightened. Both it and the new 911 are hugely talented acts, so unless the NSX is astonishingly good it risks floundering onto their patch looking like the car world's Jar Jar Binks.

Thankfully the omens are good. Honda's raided its big cupboard of motoring tech for the new NSX, which is why it's got four–wheel–drive and a dual clutch transmission with not five, not six, but NINE gears. Oh, and a 3.7–litre V6 that's given a helping hand by two turbochargers and three electric motors.

I've no idea whether that's enough to tempt rich Champion readers out of their 911s but I'm very much looking forward to my own test. If in 23 years' time it feels more modern than a new Astra then I can go home knowing it's done its job.

The SLK is due to be replaced by the updated SLC model next year. Code NA

Mercedes due to unveil new two seater sports car

THE Mercedes–Benz SLK will be given a new name – the SLC – as part of an extensive update of the two–seater sports car. The model will be officially unveiled at next month's Detroit Motor Show and is due to go on sale here later in 2016. The entry–level version will be the 2.0–litre SLC200 model, while a sporty SLC43 with a twin–turbo V6 will top the range.

Government will continue their eco car scheme

Nissan has said it supports the Government extending its grants scheme for electric cars. Code NA

THE Government has decided to continue with its grant scheme for electric and plug–in hybrid cars – but it's replacing the £5000 offer with a new tiered system. From 16 February cars capable of going 70 miles with no emissions will be eligible for a £4500 grant, while most plug–in hybrids will get a £2500 deal. Cars costing more than £60,000 are no longer eligible for the grant.

Range Rover to launch a new convertible

A NEW convertible version of the Range Rover Evoque will go on sale next spring, it has been confirmed. The latest model has an electrically operated roof that stows away in 18 seconds – even if you're up driving at up to 30mph. Prices start at £47,500 for the entry level TD4 HSE Dynamic model.

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The F–Pace takes on BMW and Mercedes off–roaders. Code NA

IT'S BEEN confirmed that Jaguar's first off–roader, the F–PACE, will go on sale here next year.

The five–door model is being unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show later this month, where more technical details and prices are due to be announced.

It's the latest in a series of new Jaguar models, following the XF and XE earlier this year. To find out more go to www.jaguar.co.uk

The Baleno is back after a 13 year absence

The last Suzuki Baleno disappeared from UK showrooms back in 2002. Code NA

SUZUKI is bringing the Baleno name back after a 13–year UK absence from the showrooms for a new family hatchback.

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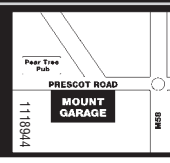

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Under water... Skelmersdale's pitch before the postponed game against Marine

Game on for Skem... thanks to artificial pitch!

United look forward to clash at Sutton but rue postponed home clash with Marine

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United begin their 2016 fixtures with a trip down to the M6 to Sutton Coldfield Town on Saturday 2nd before the eagerly awaited FA Trophy replay at home to AFC Fylde on Tuesday 5th January.

Skelmersdale have not played a league game at Sutton Coldfield's Coles Lane ground before, plus they play the only game of the season on an artificial pitch.

The 3g pitch reportedly cost in the region of £300,000 to lay and Skelmersdale will not be all that displeased because it means that the game is very likely to be on after the problems they had last Monday when the home against Marine was called off at the last minute by the referee. This after it was declared fit on the morning of the match.

All this meant that a huge amount of work that had been carried out to mend the surface after the flood that can be seen in the photograph from Boxing Day (left) went down the drain and cost the club a four figure sum in potential lost attendance.

Considering they use an artificial surface which theoretically is an advantage to the home team, Sutton haven't the greatest of home records in the league: played 11 won 5 drawn 2 and lost 4 plus, although they sit seven places above Skelmersdale in the Evo–Stik Premier Division table, they have played four games more than Tommy Lawson's men.

Tuesday is a big game and supporters of Skelmersdale will be looking forward to it as AFC Fylde come to Stormy Corner for the FA Trophy replay.

The first game was dramatic, Fylde were 3–0 up on 47 minutes, but Skelmersdale fought back to lead 4–3 before the National League One promotion hunters equalised very late on, all making the replay very much the talk of the town in local pubs over Christmas.

Games between the two teams are always laden with goals and the tie must be decided on the night, whether that be inside ninety minutes or via extra–time or penalties.

The winner will travel to Eastbourne Borough the following Saturday 9th January in the next round, the Sussex side are former member of the National League Premier Division.

Meanwhile, manager Tommy Lawson has made one addition to his squad over Christmas.

Robbie Booth, the former Southport and Burscough star has been playing for Colwyn Bay this season, but the snag lies in the time it is taking the English FA at Wembley to process transfers from Welsh clubs.

Apparently it is not the Welsh FA's problem but is due to administrative cutbacks with the English FA.

If Skelmersdale don't get through to face Eastbourne Borough they will have a slightly shorter trip to Salford City on Saturday January 9, but there will be more about whoever they play in next week's Champion.

Festive cheer spoiled by late spot kick

Nantwich Town 1
Skelmersdale Utd 0

SKEM braved the Boxing Day weather and arrived in a virtually dry South Cheshire only to be punished with a dubious penalty two minutes from time.

The visitors could argue that they were the better team in the first–half, playing some very controlled football against a home team that look very organised defensively.

Play began in an end to end fashion, Skelmersdale goalkeeper Martin Fearon making a couple of saved before a classic exchange of passes between Ged Kinsella and Tom Ince gave the former a shooting opportunity that was only kept out by a good save from Nantwich goalkeeper Kristian Burzyski.

Skelmersdale goalkeeper Fearon was at his top–class best throughout the match but in the 18th minute he was severely tested, Steve Jones shot was an awkward one, skimming off the turf as it reached Fearon, the best he could do was parry the effort, the ball went to Liam Shotton, but the home number nine was offside.

From the twentieth minute on Skelmersdale's approach play was forcing Nantwich back.

Kinsella went close again for Skelmersdale in the 33rd minute, before in the 40th minute Skelmersdale came so close to an opening goal. Chris Almond got onto space on the right of the home penalty area, his chip looked destined for the net, but somehow Nantwich number five Matt Bailey got back to scramble the ball off the line. From a Skelmersdale perspective you can only describe Nantwich as lucky to escape.

The second–half saw Nantwich on the offensive but Fearon was equal to anything Town threw at him.

Then came the controversial penalty incident. Referee Corlett saw Nantwich's Sean Cooke go to ground in the Skelmersdale box but gave nothing until it was pointed out to him that the yellow flag man was signalling and the ref pointed to the spot. Despite protests from the away side, order was restored and Nantwich substitute Matt Kosylo netted the winner.

As Skelmersdale manager Tommy Lawson said after the game 'it was cruel.'

Report by Neil Leatherbarrow

Linnets look to resume league campaign after bad weather causes postponements

BURSCOUGH will be hoping to resume their league campaign on Saturday after their festive fixtures were postponed due to bad weather.

The Linnets will face seventh placed Spennymoor Town at Victoria Park with a 3pm kick off and fans will be hoping the game can go ahead after two recently called off matches.

The side's home tie to Prescot Cables was postponed on Boxing Day due to a waterlogged pitch and so to was their trip to Bamber Bridge on Monday, December 28.

Burscough currently sit fifth in the table but have five games in hand over third placed Ossett Albion and fourth placed Glossop North End.

Victory will add to growing belief that Burscough can finish in a play–off spot and compete for a lucrative promotion.

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